

Remarks

This Amendment accompanies a "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)" which is being filed concurrently herewith. The foregoing amendments are presented to reference a claim to the benefit of prior-filed, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/311,613, which has been assigned a filing date of December 17, 2002, which constitutes the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US01/41074, filed June 20, 2001, and which claims the benefit of three (3) earlier-filed U.S. Provisional Applications.

Upon the grant of this Petition, entry of the foregoing amendments to the specification is respectfully requested, and corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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